

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, expressing support for full exercise of authority allowed under Lakewood Municipal Code Chapter 12.15.

WHEREAS, on or about June 29, 2005, the City of Lakewood and Pierce County executed a Joint Agreement for a sewer extension project intended to revitalize the American Lake Gardens subsequently renamed Woodbrook and Tillicum neighborhoods of the City and to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has the ability to extend the deadline for sewer hookup based on confirmation of functional on-site sewer disposal systems and financial constraints for property owners; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic exacerbates economic challenges and serves as a basis to defer any currently due sewer connections by up to three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, the City's interest in complete sewer throughout the City is not jeopardized by deferral of sewer connections for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lakewood believes that the best interests of the City are served by balancing genuine challenges faced by its citizens with the need to improve the City's infrastructure by completing sewer connections throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lakewood recognizes the authority of the City Manager to grant deferrals case-by-case.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Manager, is strongly encouraged to grant any and all deferrals of sewer connections requested during the COVID-19 pandemic for a period of time appropriate to general economic recovery from the pandemic; and

Section 2. That any process required by the City to grant such requested deferral be reduced to the minimum necessary for legal compliance and be prioritized for expedient response; and

Section 3. That the City shall reach out to those to whom such deferrals are available to ensure that they are aware of the opportunity for deferral and the process to obtain such deferral.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 1st day of February, 2021.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



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Don Anderson, Mayor

Attest:



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Briana Schumacher, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



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Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney